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1C. Soviet Troops Returning to Altenbourg

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prior to 19 October 1953

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REMARKS.

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1. On 19 October 1953, the barracks installation on the east side of Hauptzger Strasse in Altenburg quartered 500 to 600 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia. On 10 October, source observed about 25 motor vehicles (including 10 trucks, the remainder passenger vehicles) and 60 soldiers in the billeting area.

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the installation. About 6:55 p.m. on 10 December, 1937, 24 M16 trucks, and 1 field kitchen, and subsequently 5 boxcars with personnel and an unidentified number of flatcars loaded with about 25 trucks were unloaded at the railroad station. The unit left for the barracks installation on the west side of Leipziger Strasse. At 7:50 p.m., another shipment of 14 prime movers, 14 model 1937 152-mm howitzers and 3 trucks arrived at the station. Two of the guns proceeded to the barracks installation on the west side of Leipziger Strasse. On 19

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. Major elements of the 28th Army AT Arty Brig stationed at the barracks installation on the east side of Leipziger Strasse had been at the Chadruf troop training grounds since mid-August 1953. In September, the same source observed that the barracks installation involved only quartered an estimated 250 to 300 men. [REDACTED] The present report indicates that elements of the unit involved had returned to the Altenburg post prior to 19 October.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. The return of the 43d Army Arty Brig to its permanent station at the barracks installation on the west side of Leipziger Strasse was also observed by another source. [REDACTED] The unit is equipped with the type of gun observed at the Altenburg railroad station on 16 October. It is believed that the tents had been erected in order to let them dry after they had been used during maneuvers.

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